

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, February 11, 2016, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Charlotte County Administration Center**  
**18500 Murdock Circle, Room 119, Port Charlotte, FL 33948**

**1. Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance 9:30**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Chairman's comments**

**A. REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: PLEASE SIGN IN. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes. A clipboard and a pen are provided on the podium for your convenience.**

**B. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS STATE THEIR NAME AND ORGANIZATION and TO USE THE MICROPHONE WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes.**

**C. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS TO PLEASE SILENCE THEIR CELL PHONES.**

**4. Changes to the Agenda**

None offered

**5. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

None offered.

**6. Regular Business**

**A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from February 4, 2016 – Additions, Corrections or Deletions – none offered. Approved by acclamation.

**B.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from January 14, 2016 – Additions, Corrections or Deletions – none offered. Approved by acclamation.

**C. MSBU Update**

Mr. Logan provided details to accompany the written report distributed earlier, where there were additional details. He noted that an Alligator Creek bid would be going out this week, for additional engineering work, and that the bid documents for construction were also anticipated to be complete next week. The Buena Vista/Grassy Point dredge documents are in Purchasing, awaiting scheduling of the pre-bid meeting. Regarding Harbour Heights, Mr. Logan noted they had received the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) permit on January 11<sup>th</sup>, and are now waiting to finalize drawings and include exotic removal as the Committee requested. There is no active project on the Hayward Canal, but it has been noted that some of the canals leading to the main channel are having issues; therefore, there is a request to do a bathymetric survey to assess the needs here. However, there is no active MSBU, something that will have to be taken into account.

Mr. Logan noted that he would not be addressing the Manasota Key North Beach issue, since he is still getting up to speed on that issue. Regarding Northwest Port Charlotte, Coastal Engineering had their boat survey postponed due to inclement

weather, and it has been rescheduled for next week. The County has received a request from DEP to withdraw the Pirate Harbor permit due to their time clock; the survey was completed last Friday and based on Coastal Engineering's discussions with DEP, they support withdrawing and resubmitting rather than waiting for a denial and resubmittal. Stump Pass just received the ACOE permit on Friday; it is now signed and ready to be returned and the schedule will proceed as previously presented. Under the dayboards category, he noted that Mr. Ouiment had replaced two buoys in Stump Pass that had been washed away.

Mr. Hamilton asked for confirmation, regarding Alligator Creek, that the County has all permits, which Mr. Logan confirmed, while noting that there is mangrove trimming that needs to be done prior to work commencing. Next week it will be up in Purchasing for them to get it out to bid.

- D. Budget Update** – Mr. Darden offered comments regarding the handout he provided to the agenda, and then called for questions on the Financial Report; none were offered. He then moved on to the FY2017 activity, noting that there were a total of 29 applications which were now all online; he gave a demonstration of accessing the links from the summary page. Mr. Darden suggested close study of the items as it represents a total of \$1.5 million.

Chairman Ireland asked for confirmation that we have sufficient funds to cover all of the requests, which Mr. Darden confirmed; however, he offered one caveat – he said he was anticipating a late-arriving application regarding the work to be done on the trestle in Boca Grande pass anticipated. Staff member Tina Powell provided additional information, noting that WCIND will fund a portion out of regional funds and then Parks and Natural Resources staff would make a request for the balance. Chairman Ireland asked if the project would be taking the whole trestle down at once; Ms. Powell clarified that it would not be the entire trestle that would be removed – just the pilings indicated in the engineer's report, as well as some shoring-up of the fishing piers, and they are still figuring out how to handle the swing bridge. In general, work will be limited to pieces that create a navigational hazard when they fall in.

Mr. Hamilton asked how much money is at issue; Ms. Powell indicate that they don't know yet, The prior project was about \$500,000 and WCIND estimates this project will cost less than that; the work on the fishing piers will not be part of it. Further discussion ensued on what part of the funds might come from the CNIF, noting that otherwise that fund doesn't see much use. Mr. Harris offered comments on the prior activity and the cost and sources of funds; he asked Mr. Darden if there was information available on the rollover of funds into CNIF, but that exact figure was not available, but noted that currently the fund had \$262,000 in it. Further discussion continued on this topic

Discussion then ensued on some of the logistics of the March meeting to discuss the grant applications.

Ms. Buck about item 24, where the request and the total cost of the project were the same amount, wondering if that was correct; Mr. Darden indicated that the group was requesting their match to be covered by the BIF local, and then WCIND covering the other half; he reminded the group that WCIND only ever does 50%, and historically MAC does cover the balance.

Chairman Ireland urged the group to take time between now and March 10<sup>th</sup> to really grasp the details, and Mr. Darden offered assistance where needed. Mr. Hamilton wanted to see a spreadsheet more like the ones previously provided by Mr. Johnston.

Mr. Rose had a question on how to submit questions regarding the applications; Mr. Darden suggested that member could contact either himself or Ms. Moore, and any reply would go to all members so everyone benefitted from the information.

- E.** Chairman Ireland indicated that he had comments on the Joint Workshop, which was short but also the least productive meeting he had attended; he felt there was a need to question future agendas before attending. Further discussion ensued on the topic, including whether the workshop format contributed to the issue.

**7. New Business**

- A. Boca Grande Pass - Relocation of Buoys: Chairman Ireland commented briefly on this topic, and asked if there were any questions on the relocation; none were presented.

**8. Old Business**

- A. Boca Grande Minimum Wake Zone: Jason Ouimet addressed the group on the current work on the Ordinance, which is still being revised in Legal; he expected to receive it tomorrow, hoping for better results on this iteration.

**9. Other Business**

- A. Government in the Sunshine: Annual review of Florida's Sunshine Law as it affects Boards and Committees. Chairman Ireland indicated that there are no changes from the presentation last year; it was also noted that discs are available to any members who want a refresher, or who are new to the process.

**10. Citizen Comments**

None offered.

**11. Good of the Order**

- A. Members were reminded to make their lunch choices for the March meeting; some details of the event were also discussed.
- B. Mr. Davidson gave recognition to Capt. Ralph Allen for taking the AMI-Crossroads kids out for a day on the water. He also mentioned that this Sunday is their First Annual fundraiser at Isles Yacht Club; tickets are \$75 for food, dancing, and other entertainment, available on website [www.sweetheartcelebration.com](http://www.sweetheartcelebration.com).
- C. Sarah Buck showed pictures from the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Charlotte Harbor Regatta and spoke briefly about the activities.

**12. Next Meetings**

- The next Pre-Agenda Meeting will be held Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Room B-106.
- The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119. This Grant Application meeting is anticipated to run all day, and will include a lunch break from about 11:30 to 1 p.m.

**13. Adjournment**

On motion made and unanimously accepted, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.